Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether Government are aware that in every case assemblies of people were declared unlawful, and if so, may I know by what method was it declared unlawful?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Government are satisfied that on account of the unruly nature of the assemblies the Police had declared them unlawful before using force."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"In answer to clause (b), it is stated that no serious injuries were inflicted. May I know whether the seriousness or otherwise of the injuries is to be decided by the persons who inflicted them or by those who received them?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The Government are the best judge to decide that."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know what exactly is meant by the phrase 'serious injury'?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"It is determined by the extent and the nature of the injury one receives."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that solitary volunteers picketing in front of toddy shops have been beaten mercilessly?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The Government have no information."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government will be pleased to call for a report in every case of lathi charge?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The suggestion will receive due attention."

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—"May I know whether the Superintendent of Police has absolute power to do anything he pleases within his jurisdiction?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The Government are absolutely confident that only reasonable orders will be passed."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"Are the orders that they pass within the four corners of the law?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I am absolutely certain of that."

Instructions issued by the Inspector-General of Police to deal with Civil Disobedience Movement.

* 25 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether any or all of the instructions regarding the methods to be adopted in the districts for putting down civil disobedience were issued by the Inspector-General of Police; if so, what are the said instructions, and under what authority were the instructions issued by him?

A.—The Inspector-General of Police by virtue of his office has a definite responsibility with regard to the maintenance of law and order and it may be presumed that the special conditions created by the civil disobedience movement involved the issue by him from time to time of particular instructions to his district officers. The Government have not received, however, copies of any such instructions, nor do they propose to call for them.

His Excellency the Governor's visit to St. Aloysius College, Mangalore.

*26 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to Mr. J. A. Saldanha's statement in the *Madras Mail*, dated 25th October 1930, whether it is a fact that before His Excellency the Governor's visit, a high district official had informed the Rector of the St. Aloysius College that Gandhi caps would not be tolerated during His Excellency's visit to that College;

(*b*) if not, whether any other instructions were given by that official as to the use of Gandhi caps, and if so, what were the said instructions, and by whom they were issued;

(*c*) whether the wearing of Gandhi caps has been declared to be illegal; and on what authority the said instructions were issued by the said officer to prevent students from wearing Gandhi caps; and

(*d*) whether any students were prevented by the Police from entering the gates of the compound of the St. Aloysius College on the said occasion for having worn Gandhi caps, and if so, under whose instructions they were stopped from entering the College premises?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) No.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know why Government have not called for information in spite of the fact of their having received a petition from certain students of the College?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"As far as I am aware, no petitions have been received."

Khan Sahib SYED TAJUDIN SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I take it that the hon. the Home Member will now call for the information?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I do not think it is necessary."

Alleged lathi charge on some students of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore.

*27 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any lathi charge was ordered on the students of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, wearing Gandhi caps, and whether they were beaten with lathis, and if so, under what circumstances and for what reasons;

(*b*) if any lathi charge was made, whether it was after the Governor had passed the students or before? If it was after, what was the occasion;

(*c*) whether any students were injured by the lathi charges, and if so, what is their number, and what is the nature of the wounds; and

(*d*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the circumstances?